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BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
INBOUND EXPRESS MAIL INTERNATIONAL (EMS)
ORIGINATING FROM FOREIGN POSTS

Docket No. MC2009-10

Docket No. CP2009-12

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE QUARTERLY UPDATE IN RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 162

(October 5, 2011)

In Order No. 162, the Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission) added Inbound International Expedited Services 2 to the Competitive Product List.¹ That order also directed the Postal Service to file a quarterly update of the "list organizing the [inbound Express Mail Service (EMS)] agreements to be grouped under each of the three tiers" of service.² The three service tiers included the following:³

- 1) Pay-for-performance: Members of the Kahala Posts Group and EMS Cooperative members who elect to comply with pay-for-performance provisions;
- 2) EMS Cooperative: EMS Cooperative members who elect not to comply with pay-for performance provisions; and
- 3) All Others: Foreign postal administrations who choose not to be members of the EMS Cooperative.

Subsequently, in the Postal Service's Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability, filed in Docket

¹ Order No. 162, Order Adding Inbound International Expedited Services 2 to Competitive Product List, Docket Nos. MC2009-10 and CP2009-12, December 31, 2008. See also Docket No. CP2009-57, which addressed Inbound International Expedited Services 2 rates for 2010. ² *Id.* at 9-10.

³ Request of the United States Postal Service Regarding Inbound Express Mail International (EMS) from Foreign Posts to Add Inbound International Expedited Services 2 to Competitive Product List; and Notice of Establishment of Rates and Classifications Not of General Applicability, Docket Nos. MC2009-10 and CP2009-12, November 19, 2008, at 2.

No. CP2009-57, the Postal Service reiterated that, as it had "indicated previously, all members of the EMS Cooperative are now expected to participate in the Payfor-Performance Plan" starting in calendar year 2010.⁴ Thus, the former three-tier structure for Inbound International Expedited Services 2 has now been consolidated into two tiers:

Tier 1: postal operators with a performance-level agreement, such as EMS Pay-for-performance Plan participants and Kahala Posts Group members (former tiers 1 and 2), and

Tier 2: all other postal operators that transmit EMS to the United States (former tier 3).⁵

On August 19, 2009, the Commission issued Order No. 281, which determined that the Postal Service's "proposed rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2 are in accord with the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements." In neither that Order nor any succeeding Order concerning Inbound International Expedited Services 2 rates did the Commission direct the Postal Service to file a quarterly update of the list organizing the agreements to be grouped under the two modified tiers, as it had in Order No. 162 with the original three tiers. Nevertheless, in keeping with the Commission's direction given in Order No. 162, the Postal Service provides the attached listing of the countries assigned to the two tiers from July 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011.

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⁴ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability, Docket No. CP2009-57, July 28, 2009, at 2.

⁶ PRC Order No. 281, Order Concerning Filing of Changes in Rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2, Docket No. CP2009-57, August 19, 2009, at 5.

⁷ See PRC Order No. 523, Order Concerning Filing of Changes in Rates for Inbound International Expedited Services 2, Docket No. CP2010-90, August 23, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS ASSIGNED TO EACH TIER OF INBOUND INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITED SERVICES 2 (July 1, 2011, to September 30, 2011)

Tier 1: Pay-for-performance & Kahala Posts Group Members	Tier 2: All others
Anguilla	Afghanistan
Aruba	Albania
Australia	Algeria
Azerbaijan	Angola
Bahamas	Antigua and Barbuda
Barbados	Argentina
Belarus	Armenia
Belgium	Bangladesh
Belize	Benin
Bermuda	Bhutan
Botswana	Bolivia
Brazil	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Burundi	Brunei Darussalam
Cayman Islands	Bulgaria
Chile	Burkina Faso
Costa Rica	Cambodia
Croatia	Cameroon
Cyprus	Cape Verde
Czech Republic	Central Africa
El Salvador	Chad
Finland	Colombia
France	Comoros
Ghana	Congo (Dem. Rep.)
Great Britain	Congo (Rep.)
Greece	Cote d'Ivoire
Hong Kong	Cuba
Hungary	Djibouti
India	Dominica
Israel	Dominican Republic
Jamaica	Ecuador
Japan	Egypt
Jordan	Eritrea
Kazakhstan	Estonia
Korea	Ethiopia
Lao People's Dem Rep.	Falkland Islands
Lithuania	Fiji
Madagascar	French Polynesia
Malaysia	Gabon
Maldives	Gambia
Malta	Georgia
Mauritius	Germany

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Tier 1: Pay-for-performance &	Tier 2: All others
Kahala Posts Group Members	Panama
	Papua New Guinea
	Paraguay
	Peru
	Philippines
	Poland
	Portugal
	Qatar
	Romania
	Saint Vincent and Grenadines
	Samoa
	San Marino
	Sao Tome and Principe
	Senegal
	Serbia
	Seychelles
	Sierra Leone
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	Solomon Islands
	Somalia
	South Africa
	Sri Lanka
	Sudan
	Suriname
	Swaziland
	Switzerland
	Tajikistan
	Tanzania
	Thailand
	Togo
	Tunisia
	Turkey
	Turkmenistan
	Turks and Caicos Islands
	Ukraine
	Uzbekistan
	Vanuatu
	Venezuela
	Yemen
	Zambia
	Zimbabwe